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1. SUMMARY. JUNTA APPOINTED MILITARY OFFICERS TO HEAD CHILE'S MAJOR UNIVERSITIES, INCLUDING FORMER AIR FORCE CINC GEN CESAR RUIZ AT UNIV. OF CHILE, AND GAVE THEM SWEEPING POWERS. JUNTA ALSO DEROGATED ALLENDE DECREE ON "EDUCATIONAL DEMOCRATIZATION, "AND EXTENDED POWERS OF CONTROLLER GENERAL. MININTERIOR BONILLA CALLED FOR LABOR/MGT HARMONY AND WARNED EMPLOYERS AGAINST RETROGRADE ATTITUDES. WEAPONS SEARCHES RESULTED IN MORE ARRESTS. TWO MORE PRISONERS WERE KILLED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE. END SUMMARY.

2. JUNTA ISSUED DECREE NAMING NEW "RECTOR-DELEGATES" FOR SIX OF CHILE'S EIGHT UNIVERSITIES (UNIV OF NORTH AND AUSTRAL UNIV NOT NAMED). ALL ARE MILITARY OFFICERS. HEADING LIST AS RECTOR UNIV OF CHILE AND PRES COUNCIL OF RECTORS IS FORMER AIR FORCE CINC
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GEN. (R) CESAR RUIZ DANYAU. JUNTA ALSO ISSUED DECREE-LAW

INSTRUCTING NEW RECTOR-DELEGATES TO COLLECT COMPLETE INFORMATION ON ALL PRESENT UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING STAFF, COURSES, DEGREES, PHYSICAL PLANT, RESEARCH, FINANCING, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FOREIGN TIES. DECREE-LAW INSTRUCTS RECTOR-DELEGATES TO FORGE "COORDINATED" POLICIES "AT NATIONAL LEVEL" FOR ALL UNIVERSITIES AND TO SUBMIT PLANS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS TO GOVT. FOR APPROVAL (SEPTEL IN PREPARATION).

3. JUNTA ALSO DEROGATED ALLENDE GOVT'S "DECREE ON EDUCATIONAL DEMOCRATIZATION," ALLEGING FORMATION OF "EDUCATION COUNCILS" AUTHORIZED BY THIS DECREE WAS A WAY-STATION TO IMPLEMENTATION OF "FOREIGN-INSPIRED" UNIFIED SCHOOL PLAN (ENU). BOTH PROPOSALS HAD BEEN BITTERLY OPPOSED BY THE MILITARY AND THE CHURCH, AS WELL AS BY POLITICAL GROUPS OPPOSED TO ALLENDE GOVT.

4. MININTERIOR BONILLA HELD PUBLIC SESSION IN WHICH FINAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN GAS STATION OWNERS AND WORKERS. BONILLA STRESSED THAT A NEW SPIRIT IN LABOR RELATIONS SHOULD PREVAIL TO AVOID UNNECESSARY CONFLICTS AND WORK STOPPAGES. HE AGAIN WARNED EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING THOSE RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS, AGAINST THINKING THEY CAN TURN CLOCK BACK OR ABUSE WORKERS. BONILLA ALSO DENIED THAT WORKERS ARE BEING ARBITRARILY FIRED.

5. ARMED FORCES CONTINUE WEAPONS SEARCHES, WITH RAIDS AND ARRESTS REPORTED FROM SEVERAL PROVINCIAL CITIES. TWO PRISONERS WERE EXECUTED IN LAUTARO (CAUTIN PROVINCE), ALLEGEDLY WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE. ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN DETAINEES WERE MOVED FROM SANTIAGO'S NATIONAL STADIUM TO PUBLIC JAILS, AND AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED THERE WAS NO FEAR OF OVER-CROWDING SINCE THE VARIOUS PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE PROVINCE HAD ROOM "FOR A THOUSAND PERSONS."

6. DECREE-LAW 38, PUBLISHED IN DIARIO OFICIAL OF OCT 2, INCREASED POWER OF CONTROLLER GENERAL AND GAVE HIM CERTAIN NEW SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY OVER GOVT-CONTROLLED ENTERPRISES, BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, AND SOCIAL SECURITY FUNDS.

7. AS VISIBLE SIGN OF "NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION," SCAFFOLDING HAS BEEN ERECTED OUTSIDE LA MONEDA, AND PRESS HEADLINED THAT RE-BUILDING HAS NOW BEGUN.
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8. DELEGATION FROM SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL ARRIVED (REFTEL), AND SEVERAL TOP CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS DEPARTED TO EXPLAIN PDC POSITION ON EVENTS IN CHILE TO FRATERNAL PARTIES ABROAD.
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